

**Application No.:** 10/681,487  
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### **REMARKS**

By way of summary, Claims 1-21 were originally filed with this application. By this amendment, Claims 1-7 and 17-21 have been canceled and Claims 11 and 13-14 are amended. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the amendments above and the remarks set forth below.

#### *Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 103(a)*

Claims 7, 10 and 13-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Czabala (US 6,346,139). Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith et al. (US 6,848,444) in view of Frye (US 6,394,088). However, the Examiner indicated that Claims 11 and 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In the interest of expediting the prosecution of this application, the Applicant has canceled Claims 1-7 and 17-21 without prejudice, but reserves the right to prosecute these claims at a later date. The Applicant has also amended Claim 11 so that it is now in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Additionally, the Applicant has amended Claims 13 and 14 so that they now depend from Claim 11. In view of the foregoing amendments, the Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

#### *No Disclaimers or Disavowals*

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, the Applicants are not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that the Applicants have made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

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Co-Pending Applications of Assignee

Applicant wishes to draw to the Examiner's attention to the following co-pending applications of the present application's assignee.


Serial Number	Title	Filed
10/962194	Portable Gas Fractionalization System	07-Oct-2004
10/680885	Portable Gas Fractionalization System	07-Oct-2003
11/677532	Portable Gas Fractionalization System	21-Feb-2007

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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